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President R. A. Falconer L.L.D.
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President!

Since I saw you a few days ago I have felt that I either told you too much or too little about the matter and thereby perhaps gave you a wrong impression about the purpose of my interview. Although I am thoroughly convinced of the importance of the matter and am prepared at any time to uphold my views and prove my opinions by facts I write these few lines to you to request you kindly to let the matter stand in abeyance for a little while.

As I told you I wish to get along with everyone in our Department in peace and harmony and when I sought your advice it was simply to this end. Perhaps I did not express myself well enough on this point and did not convince you by my words of the fact that my chief interest in the matter was to hear from you

a word of advice as to the attitude you would deem proper for me to take under the circumstances. Time did not permit me to ask my questions clearly and therefore I take liberty of restating them so as to leave no doubt about the real purpose of my interview.

I desire to know: What is the proper attitude of a member of the staff regarding policy in the Department? Should I simply obediently adopt and follow the policy of the head, or acting head, of the Department, or in case I differ from him should I disregard it and act as I think it is right? Or should the Department as such adopt a policy, or the joint departments of the different colleges? To these questions I received different answers from my colleagues and for this reason I desired your advice. I wish, dear Mr. President, you would kindly consider my words in this light and I hope you will pardon me when I say that an interview on your part with Prof. Kiedler may likely not give me the information I wish to obtain, but rather cause unpleasant relations between him and me.

I should be greatly indebted to you if you could give me some general advice as to the course which I should take and leave all other points which came up in our considerations,

important as they may be, to a more opportune time which may perhaps present itself when all results of our examinations are out and I may have an opportunity to state my views in the Department first and then perhaps in the Council.

Wishing you and for our great institution a prosperous
New Year I remain

very respectfully yours

P. H. Mueller

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Toronto, 52 Warren Road
January 7, 1914.

President R. A. Falconer LL.D.
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Dear Mr. President.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of my naturalization paper which I had left in your office in order to furnish to you the proof of my being a British subject now. I am glad that the investigation at the court, embarrassing as it was, has helped to free me from all suspicion and that the judgment given by Judge Coatsworth was the best vindication I could get. It seems to me, now, that all reasonable requirements have been fulfilled for my return to the College and I hope that the Board of Governors may see their way clear to permit me to take up my work again. Beside this, I do not need to remind you how much the work is handicapped in

The German Department at the present time, that the students have lost already a great deal of very necessary instruction and that there is great need of more help. My former arrangement with Dr. Luedelins does not need to stand in my way I know he would immediately withdraw if I am permitted to do the work myself.

Although I can make good use of the free time by doing my doctors thesis and prepare for the examinations I feel I should not look after my own affairs while our students are suffering through my absence and that I ought to express to you at any rate my willingness and my desire to take up my work again.

I am,

Yours respectfully

P. W. Muller.